

Commission on Fatherhood Issues
October 28, 2002 -- Cross State Office Bldg., Rm. #214
Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Review meeting agenda and expectations.**
Sen. McAlevey, Rep. Simpson, Commission Members & Staff
- ♦ Review meeting agenda and discuss Oct. 10th meeting summary
- 9:15 a.m. Overview of preliminary findings.**
Commission Members & Staff
- ♦ Review preliminary findings side-by-side from Oct. 10th Commission meeting
- 9:40 a.m. Fatherhood in Maine . . . perspectives from the field.**
Paul Ouellette, MSW; Social Worker
- ♦ Reflections of a social worker who has worked with Maine fathers for 25 years
- 10:00 a.m. Overview of the Family Division of the Maine District Court.**
Chief Judge Vendean Vafiades; Judge Joyce Wheeler; Wendy Rau, Family Division Administrator; Barbara Cardone, Chair, Maine Bar Assoc., Family Law Section
- ♦ Maine law and jurisprudence in determining parental rights and responsibilities
 - ♦ Perceptions of institutional or gender bias in our courts with respect to proceedings involving "parental rights and responsibilities" and "protection from abuse" cases
- 11:30 a.m. Overview of school-based and community-based initiatives to enhance fatherhood.**
David Stockford, Dept. of Education; and Peter Walsh, Dept. of Human Services
- ♦ Department of Education, Department of Human Services and Governor's Children's Cabinet initiatives, including school-based and community-based programs, that hold promise in enhancing the parenting abilities of fathers
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch.** (Members may order & pick up lunch from the Cross Café)
- 1:00 p.m. Commission work session.**
Commission Members & Staff
- ♦ Discuss findings, conclusions and recommendations
 - ♦ Review report preparation and discuss next steps
- 2:15 p.m. Break.**
- 2:30 p.m. Commission work session (continued).**
Commission Members & Staff
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment.**